

Independent Claim 34

Claim 34 recites, inter alia, that the suspension acts as a pivot (see, e.g., Applicants' Fig. 2), and is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Azima, and by Parrella.

The Examiner has misconstrued Azima in alleging that Azima's suspension acts as a pivot. Such is not the case. See, e.g., col. 26, line 14 of Azima, which refers to "desired edge vibration" (emphasis added). Inasmuch as the edges of Azima's panel are intendedly free to vibrate, they cannot as a pivot as recited in claim 34.

Similarly, the Examiner has misconstrued Parrella, whose panel edges are intended to move. See, e.g., col. 4, lines 26-27 ("The panel is only fixed at the corners to provide a high degree of compliance."). Parrella's panel suspension thus does not act as a pivot.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the rejections should be withdrawn and all of the claims allowed. Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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